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SUBJECT: (U) KUDOS FOR SERBIA TYCOON REQUIREMENTS
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[1](#)1. (C/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS APPRECIATED REFTELS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF SERBIAN TYCOONS. THE REPORTS HELPED ANALYSTS GAIN A DEEPER KNOWLEDGE OF HOW WEALTHY SERBIAN BUSINESSMEN INFLUENCE POLITICS DOMESTICALLY AND THROUGHOUT THE REGION, ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS NON-TRANSPARENT PROCESS APPEARS TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON POLITICAL DECISIONMAKING. ANALYSTS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HOW TYCOONS ARE CONNECTED TO POLITICAL LEADERS AND THE LEVERS THEY USE TO INFLUENCE POLICY, AS TIME AND RESOURCES PERMIT. MANY THANKS.

1) (C) WHO ARE THE TYCOONS' KEY CONTACTS IN THE SERBIAN GOVERNMENT IN BELGRADE? WHAT IS THEIR LEVEL OF INTERACTION WITH SERBIAN PRESIDENT BORIS TADIC, FOREIGN MINISTER VUK JEREMIC, INTERIOR MINISTER IVICA DACIC, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MLADJAN DINKIC, AND OTHERS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DS), SOCIALIST PARTY OF SERBIA (SPS), AND G17 PLUS?

2) (C) DO THE TYCOONS HAVE PERSONAL OR FAMILY CONNECTIONS WITH TOP SERBIAN LEADERSHIP?

3) (C) WHO ARE THE TYCOONS' KEY CONTACTS IN OPPOSITION PARTIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE SERBIAN PROGRESSIVE PARTY (SNS), SERBIAN RADICAL PARTY (SRS), DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SERBIA (DSS), AND LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP)?

4) (C) WHICH SERBIAN POLITICAL PARTIES, IF ANY, DOES EACH TYCOON FUND? HOW MUCH FUNDING IS PROVIDED, AND IS THE FUNDING EARMARKED FOR CERTAIN USES? HOW IS FUNDING TRANSFERRED FROM TYCOONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES?

5) (C) HOW ARE SERBIAN TYCOONS INVOLVED IN GOVERNMENT-LED PRIVATIZATIONS AND/OR BUSINESS DEALS (SUCH AS DIRECT NEGOTIATION, KICKBACKS TO GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATORS, ETC.)?

6) (C) WHAT ARE THE TYCOONS' BUSINESS CONNECTIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER?

7) (C) WHAT ARE THE SERBIAN TYCOONS' HISTORICAL CONNECTIONS TO THE MILOSEVIC REGIME? HOW DID THEY ACQUIRE THEIR MONEY?

8) (C) WHAT ARE THE TYCOONS, BUSINESS AND POLITICAL CONNECTIONS TO BOSNIA, PARTICULARLY WITH REPUBLIKA SRPSKA PRIME MINISTER MILORAD DODIK AND OTHER BOSNIAN SERB POLITICAL LEADERS? WHICH SERBIAN TYCOONS ARE CONNECTED TO BOSNIAN NEWSPAPER TYCOON FAHRUDIN RADONCIC AND BOSNIAK POLITICAL LEADERS SULEJMAN TIHIC, BAKIR IZETBEGOVIC, AND HARIS SILAJDZIC? HOW ARE THE SERBIAN TYCOONS CONNECTED TO BOSNIAN

CROAT POLITICAL LEADERS, SUCH AS DRAGAN COVIC?

9) (C) WHAT ARE THE SERBIAN TYCOONS' BUSINESS AND POLITICAL CONNECTIONS TO POLITICAL LEADERS IN MONTENEGRO, KOSOVO, MACEDONIA, ALBANIA, AND CROATIA?

10) (C) WHAT ARE THE SERBIAN TYCOONS' POLITICAL PRIORITIES? WHAT ARE THEIR POLICY PREFERENCES IN TERMS ECONOMIC POLICY, EU INTEGRATION, KOSOVO'S STATUS, BOSNIA, AND RELATIONS WITH THE US AND RUSSIA? HOW DO THEY SEEK TO INFLUENCE SERBIAN POLICY OR LEGISLATION?

11) (C) WHAT ARE THE TYCOONS' POLITICAL AND BUSINESS CONNECTIONS WITH THE US, RUSSIA, AND EU MEMBER STATES?

[12](#). (U) PLEASE CITE C-RE9-01666 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.
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